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SUBJECT: APRIL 20 NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF CSCE NAC
AGENDA

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1. WE BELIEVE THE APRIL 20 NAC DISCUSSION OF CSCE THE ONLY
ITEM ON THE AGENDA) OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO REINFORCE THE
CONSULATIVE MEMENTUM ACHIEVED AT THE RECENT COUNCIL MEETINGS
ATTENDED BY THE SECRETARY, ASSISTANT SECRETARY
HARTMAN, MR. GELB, AND MR. ARMITAGE. THUS, WE HOPE
THAT OUR GUIDANCE FOR THE APRIL 20 MEETING WILL AR-
TICULATE THE ADMINISTRATION'S VIEW OF HOW THE
BELGRADE MEETINGS SHOULD FIT INTO THE OVERALL PROCESS
OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS. SINCE ALLIES WILL UNDOUBTEDLY
WISH TO GIVE THEIR OWN VIEWS ON THIS MATTER, THE US
PRESENTATION NEED NOT BE LENGTHY.

2. IN THIS FRAMEWORK, WE SUGGEST THAT AT THE MEETING
WE ALSO REMIND THE ALLIES OF THE US VIEW THAT THE
PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE BELGRADE MEETINGS WILL BE A
MEANINGFUL REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION. WE SHOULD
ALSO AGAIN UNDERLINE THE IMPORTANCE OF A
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PROMPT START TO FORMULATING A LIMITED NUMBER OF
CONCRETE NEW PROPOSALS FOR BELGRADE. IN ADDI-
TION, A STATEMENT OF HOW THE US VIEWS THE QUES-
TION OF PRESENTATION OF THE ALLIES' POSITION TO
WESTERN PUBLIC AND PARLIAMENTARY OPINION MIGHT
BE USEFUL.

3. AS REGARDS THE IS DRAFT REPORT ON PREPARATIONS
FOR BELGRADE (ISD/146), WE DO NOT BELIEVE A DE-
BATE BY PERMREPS ABOUT DETAILS OF LANGUAGE IN THE

REPORT WOULD BE CONSTRUCTIVE. A LAST-MINUTE POST-
PNEMENT OF NAC CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT--A
POSSIBILITY MENTIONED IN REFTEL --WOULD, IN OUR
VIEW, BE RESENTED SINCE IT WOULD COMPLICATE THE
ALREADY TIGHT NATO TIMETABLE FOR COMPLETION OF THE
PAPER IN TIME FOR THE LONDON SUMMIT. IF WASHINGTON
NEEDS MORE TIME TO CONSIDER THE PAPER, WE WOULD SUG-
GEST THAT WE BE INSTRUCTED TO PROPOSE A SILENCE PRO-
CEDURE DEADLINE FOR APPROVAL OF THE PAPER. THIS
PROCEDURE WOULD ALLOW US TO RETURN TO THE PAPER AT
A SUBSEQUENT OCCASION, AND URGE ANY CHANGES WE
BELIEVE ESSENTIAL. STRAUSSZ-HUPE

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